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SUBJECT: GUYANA'S POSITION ON ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION

1. DURING MEETING IN HIS OFFICE JULY
6 WITH MATTHEWS AND BLACKEN, FONMIN WILLS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT
UGANDA WOULD BRING THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI INTERVENTION IN UGANDA
BEFORE THE UNSC. WILLS SAID THAT WHILE HIS GOVT CONDEMNED TERROR-
IST ACTS SUCH AS THE KIDNAPPING AND EXTORTION CARRIED OUT BY
PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS, GUYANA WOULD HAVE TO JOIN A PROTEST
AGAINST THE ISRAELI QUOTE INVASION UNQUOTE OF UGANDAN TERRITORY.
REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH INTERVENTIONS COULD NOT BE
CONDONED. APART FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE MATTER,
HE SAID, DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MADE IT NECESSARY FOR
GUYANA TO PUBLICLY OPPOSE THE ISRAELI ACTION IN UGANDA. CLEARLY
HE WAS THINKING OF THE PRECEDENT THAT MIGHT BE SET FOR VENEZUELAN
INCURSIONS INTO GUYANESE TERRITORY.

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2. WILLS ALSO SAID HE BELIEVED THAT POLITICAL PRESSURES IN THE

U.S. WOULD INDUCE THE USG TO OPPOSE A CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI
INTERVENTION. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD UNDERSTAND THE
NECESSITY OF THE U.S. ADOPTING SUCH A POSITION, BUT ASKED THAT
THE U.S. ALSO UNDERSTAND GUYANA'S POSITION. MATTHEWS

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